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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, paragraphs [0073], [0080], and [0088], all as published, have been amended to correct minor editorial problems.

Claims 1-6, 9-14, and 17-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0199203 by Duffy et al. ("Duffy") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,324,165 to Fan et al. ("Fan").

The Examiner has objected to Claims 7-8 and 15-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would allow these claims if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Application thanks the Examiner accordingly.

In view of the Examiner's comments with respect to Claim 7, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 2-5 and 7, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 2-5 and 7 have been cancelled accordingly. In addition, Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to make them depend from amended Claim 1, rather than from cancelled Claim 5. Having amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claims 2-5 and 7, the Applicant believes that Claim 1 is patentable. In addition, the Applicant believes that Claims 6 and 8, being dependent on amended Claim 1, and adding patentable features thereto, are also patentable.

In view of the Examiner's comments with respect to Claim 15, Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 10-13 and 15, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 10-13 and 15 have been cancelled accordingly. In addition, Claims 14 and 16 have been amended to make them depend from amended Claim 9, rather than from cancelled Claim 13. Having amended Claim 9 to include the limitations of Claims 10-13 and 15, the Applicant believes that Claim 9 is patentable. In addition, the Applicant believes that Claims 14 and 16, being dependent on amended Claim 9, and adding patentable features thereto, are also patentable.

Claims 17-18 have been cancelled.

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In addition, new Claims 19-38 have been added with a view to better defining the invention. New Claims 19-27 are directed towards a method for mediating cell traffic between an ATM network and an adjacent network while new Claims 28-38 are directed towards a system for mediating cell traffic between an ATM network and an adjacent network. The Applicant believes that these new claims are fully supported by the specification (e.g., FIGS. 5-6, page 9, and pages 16-17). These new claims specify that the cells are routed/switched at cards 502 and 504 according to a set of parameters (i.e., service categories CBR, rtVBR, nrtVBR, ABR, etc) as shown in FIG. 6. These parameters are obtained from a preconfigured table with these parameters listed against each ATM connection (VPC/VCC).

Furthermore, new Claim 39 has been added with a view to better defining the invention. New Claim 45 is directed towards a method for mediating cell traffic between a multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) network and an asynchronous transmission mode (ATM) network. The Applicant believes that this new claim is fully supported by the specification (e.g., FIGS. 5-7 and pages 13-20).

Please note that Claims 2-5, 7, 10-13, 15, and 17-18 have been cancelled without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution of this application. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue these cancelled claims in a continuing application or otherwise.

No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

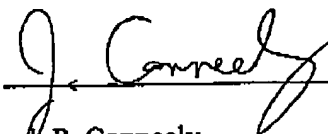
The Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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